Northern parts of West Bengal are found to be moderately suitable for economic cultivation of rubber.

Recently, a company has sought the assistance of the Rubber Board to get allotment of about 80 hectares (200 acres) of land from the Govt, of West Bengal for rubber cultivation. Although this company was assured of all possible help from the Rubber Board within the ambit of the existing rules etc., the Rubber Board has not been approached further in the matter.

सऊदी अरब में रह रहे भारतीयों पर अत्याचार

*151. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सऊदी अरब में कार्यरत भारतीयों पर अत्याचार की घटनाएं बढ़ रही हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि वहां कार्यरत भारतीय महिलाओं को गुलामों की जिन्दगी जीने पर मजबूर किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) सऊदी अरब में कार्यरत भारतीय श्रमिकों में से थोड़े से ही श्रमिक ऐसे हैं जिन्हें किन्हीं प्रकार की श्रमिक समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। ऐसा कोई साक्ष्य नहीं है जिससे यह पता चले कि अन्य विदेशी श्रमिकों के मुकाबले भारतीय श्रमिकों के साथ भेद-भाव किया जाता है। ऐसे सभी मामलों में पहले भारतीय राजदूतावास द्वारा साऊदी नियोक्ता के साथ मामले को उठाया जाता है और यदि इसमें सफलता न मिले तो आवश्यकतानुसार रियाध और दिल्ली दोनों में ही साऊदी प्राधिकारियों के हस्तक्षेप की मांग की जाती है।

Iranian President's Statement on J and K

* 152. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of Iran during his recent visit to Pakistan made certain references on Kashmir; if so; what is the precise statement of the Iranian President and Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether Government have sent any protest note to the Government of Iran; and

.(c) whether the Prime Minister had a meeting with the President of Iran during the NAM Conference, and whether this point was raised in the meeting, if so what was the reaction of the Iranian President thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) During his visit to Pakistan from 6-9 September, 1992, President of Iran reportedly stated that the UN resolutions on Kashmir were not being implemented and that Iran shared Pakistan's concern over Kashmir issue.

Government have conveyed to the Government of Iran through diplomatic channels its objections and disappointment over the Iranian statement.

(c) Yes, Sir. This meeting took place before the Iranian President visited Pakistan from 6th to 9th September. This issue therefore was not raised. Our point of view on all matters of regional impor tance was conveyed to the Iranian side.